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Interior Alaska Fish Processors, Inc. of Fairbanks, AK is recalling some of its Santa's Smokehouse brand smoked keta salmon because it has the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, an organism which can cause serious infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as fever, headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal, or diarrhea, listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recalled product was sold in random weight portions and packaged in clear plastic vacuum sealed bags with the Santa's Smokehouse "teriyaki style smoked keta salmon" label on it. The only batch subject to the recall will be labeled with the batch number '637', found on the Santa's Smokehouse label. Approximately 150 pounds of this product was distributed through the company's retail store in Fairbanks, Alaska and through gift packs sold on the internet between mid December 2007 and July, 2008.

The recall is the result of survey sampling by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation which revealed that the sampled product in question contained the bacteria Listeria monocytogenes.

No complaints or instances of illness have been reported from consumption of this product.

If you have any Santa's Smokehouse smoked keta salmon with the batch number '637' please return it to Interior Alaska Fish Processors, Inc. with the label for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 907-456-3885, order@santassmokehouse.com, or at 2400 Davis Road, Fairbanks, AK.